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Mr. David Allen
United States Department of Energy
SE-30-N P.O. Box 2001
Oak Ridge, TN 37831

Mr. Allen:

I am submitting my comments to the United States D.O.E. on the proposed use of the "Piketon" Gaseous Diffusion Plant situated in Pike County.

I am presently serving Pike County as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Commissioners.

Over the years our community has done everything we can to support the nations needs. In fact we have gone above and beyond the call of duty. In the past the D.O.E. has ignored our input in work to minimize our concerns.

This proposed action raises numerous concerns. Specifically, safe transportation concerns and security of all material at the Piketon Plant is in question. Health of workers, residents and environmental safety issues are also of major concern.

The perception of Pike County, our home, being a national dump site for the governments excess waste is appalling, to say the least.

This project has no financial, environmental, educational or social benefits to Pike County and its people. For these reasons, I am very much opposed to bringing any material to Piketon for storage.

Sincerely,



Harry Rider
Vice Chairman
Pike County Board of Commissioners
Waverly, OH